

"One of the indelible lessons of last year's hurricane season was the critical need for the best weather data and forecasting possible. Fleet Numerical is a premier weather station, and in fact they were called upon last fall when the Stennis Center in Mississippi was damaged. I am pleased to be able to help Fleet expand their facilities so they can continue to play a critical role in our national weather information system. In addition, I am pleased to help Fort Hunter Liggett continue to improve their training facilities," said Farr, a senior member of the subcommittee that wrote this bill.

Farr secured **\$7.38 million** that will enable Fleet Numerical to renovate and enlarge their computer center. The larger center will house new computer facilities and communications equipment, enabling Fleet Numerical to meet the increased demand for satellite data processing capacity.

"We are the Navy's only operational supercomputing center. These funds will provide us with critical computing resources to enhance our support to forward-deployed Naval forces around the world," said Captain Victor Addison, Commanding Officer at Fleet Numerical.

Fleet Numerical is the Department of Defense's primary center for worldwide meteorological and oceanographic analysis and forecasts. They are one of a half dozen internationally recognized operational weather centers and the world's leader in global oceanographic and coupled air-ocean forecasting.

In addition, Farr secured **\$1.3 million** for Fort Hunter Liggett to build a Combat Pistol/Military Police firearm training facility. The Fort currently operates primarily as an Army training facility, and this new firearm facility will complement and improve the training courses currently operating at the Fort.

Farr negotiated these funds in the Fiscal Year 2007 Military Quality of Life and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Bill which passed the House Appropriations Committee this morning. The bill is scheduled to go to the House Floor for a vote next week.